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Town Hall Meeting, May 19, 2014

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. (May 13, 2014) – The Garrison Commander and members of the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff will hold a Town Hall meeting with interested parents whose children attend the Child Development Centers on Redstone Arsenal at Heiser Hall, May 19, 5:30 pm.

Beginning May 27, the Mills Road CDC will relocate to alternate locations so that renovations can be made that will prevent future mold growth in the Mills Road facility.

“We do not currently have evidence of a mold hazard in our CDC’s and we intend to keep it that way,” said COL Bill Marks, Garrison Commander, Redstone Arsenal. “Our parents have expressed their concerns about their children having to adjust to unfamiliar surroundings and I certainly understand those concerns. These renovations will allow us to provide a sustainable environment that is safer for our children and child care staff which is our top priority.”

During the Town Hall, parents will be able to voice concerns, ask questions and gain a better understanding about how this will affect them.

“We strive to provide great child care services and we’re really happy to get these renovations underway,” said Derrick Gould, Director of DFMWR. “Mold is an issue everywhere in the South because of the heat and high humidity. With the support of Team Redstone, we’ve been aggressively combating it to keep our children safe.”

Mold was twice discovered in the CDC’s in 2013 and remediated by Directorate of Public Works personnel in conjunction with contracted workers. Mold was removed and repairs and adjustments were made to the buildings heating, ventilation and cooling systems.

“While there is currently no hazard in our buildings, there is a facility design flaw which, if not corrected, will create an environment in which mold will return,” said Gould. “So, it’s been a little hard for all of us and we definitely want to thank everyone for their patience. The safety of our children and employees is what really matters.”

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